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1. MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN AUGUST 24 ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CONCERNING A DECISION OF THE ROYAL
GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
STRONGLY DENOUNCES AND RESOLUTELY PROTESTS AGAINST THE
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DECISION MADE ON AUGUST 22, 1974 BY THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF

SWEDEN ALLOWING THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE SELF-PROCLAIMED NLF/SVN IN STOCKHOLM TO BE CALLED GENERAL DELEGATION AND TO ENJOY SOME PRIVILEGES.

4. ALTHOUGH THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED, THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON, THAT IT CONTINUES NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE SO-CALLED "NLF/SVN", THE ABOVE DECISION REMAINS NEVERTHELESS A VERY SERIOUS AND ERRONEOUS ONE.

5. FIRST OF ALL, IT IS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT TOWARD THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A COUNTRY WHICH SWEDEN HAS RECOGNIZED AND WITH WHICH SWEDEN HAS MAINTAINED OFFICIAL RELATIONS TO MANY YEARS.

6. IT ALSO CONSTITUTES A BLATANT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM, IN OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES.

7. THE DECISION OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JAN. 27, 1973 AND GOES AGAINST THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT NEVER PROVIDES FOR TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

8. TAKEN AT A TIME WHEN THE COMMUNISTS ARE STEPPING UP THEIR ATTACKS AND KILLINGS IN SOUTH-VIETNAM, IN DISREGARD OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND THE PRINCIPLE OF RECONCILIATION, THE DECISION OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES INEVITABLY AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO PERSIST IN THEIR STUBBORN ATTITUDE AND TO VENTURE FURTHER IN THE PATH OF VIOLENCE. THUS, THIS DECISION WILL SERIOUSLY HAMPER THE TASK OF RESTORING PEACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

9. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE ABOVE WRONG AND HASTY DECISION OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN DOES NOT REFLECT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE JUSTICE AND FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE OF SWEDEN.

10. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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RESOLUTELY DEMANDS THAT THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN RECONSIDER ITS ERRONEOUS ATTITUDE AND TAKE AN APPROPRIATE MEASURE, SO AS TO AVOID A DETERIORATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. SAIGON, AUGUST 24, 1974.
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